

## Message Text

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R 100820Z JAN 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
TO AMCONSUL LAHORE  
AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMCONSUL PESHAWAR  
INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 9265

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 0253

FOR PRINCIPAL OFFICER FROM CONSTABLE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OTRA, PINT  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL DURING ELECTION PERIOD

1. WE HAVE LOOKED CAREFULLY AT THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL BY MISSION PERSONNEL DURING THE PERIOD LEADING TO THE ELECTIONS NOW SCHEDULED FOR EARLY MARCH, AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO SUSPEND ALL FIELD TRIPS OUTSIDE ISLAMABAD, KARACHI, LAHORE, AND PESHAWAR PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR POLITICAL REPORTING OR GENERAL ORIENTATION PURPOSES UNTIL AFTER THE BALLOTING IS COMPLETED. I BELIEVE THAT THE POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH SUCH TRIPS COULD INVOLVE OUTWEIGH THEIR POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES. THEY ARE IN ANY EVENT UNLIKELY TO BE WELCOMED BY THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONS WHICH WILL BE HEAVILY TAXED DURING THE PERIOD.

2. THIS RESTRICTION IS NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT TRAVEL FOR OTHER PURPOSES, SUCH AS CONSULAR INVESTIGATIONS, ECONOMIC OR COMMERCIAL REPORTING. HOWEVER, BOTH AMERICAN AND PAKISTANI PERSONNEL SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO AVOID ANY ACTIVITIES OR DISCUSSIONS THAT COULD BE  
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MISCONSTRUED AS INVOLVING THE MISSION IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

3. SHOULD ANY PERSONNEL HAVE ANY WELL ADVANCED TRAVEL PLANS YOU BELIEVE SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT, AND ABOUT WHICH PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES ARE ALREADY AWARE, THESE SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ME FOR DECISION.

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